## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Bahramian et al.

Appl. No:

09/472/558

File Date:

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Invention: Art Unit:

1632

Examiner:

Paras, Peter Jr.

Docket No.:

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C.

## RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1600, ART UNIT 1632 Response E

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action (the "Office Action") dated August 13, 2002, received after a request for continued examination, requested November 7, 2001, was granted. Preliminarily, Applicants express appreciation to Examiner Paras for the courtesy of the telephone interview on September 10, 2002. Please note that the attorney docket number, formerly 2281/102 has been changed to 2498/101, so please amend the record accordingly.

In addition, please amend the application as follows: